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Cowpens National Battlefield Celebrates Battle Anniversary on January 14 – 15, 2012

CHESNEE, SC: On January 14– 15, 2012, reenactors in Revolutionary War period clothing will bring the 18th century to life at Cowpens National Battlefield. All activities are free and open to the public. To celebrate the 231st anniversary of the decisive American victory over the British at Cowpens, the park staff is planning activities from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Visitors will be able to see how people fought, dressed, lived, and cooked in 1781. Throughout the weekend, there will be an encampment of nearly 100 British, Continental, and militia Revolutionary War reenactors. Although there will not be a battle reenactment, the park is planning 18th century weapons firing demonstrations, Revolutionary War cavalry demonstrations, ranger-led battlefield walks, fife and drum concerts, author

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talks, book signings, a guided lantern-lit walk, and the arrival of the Morgan's March participants.

In addition, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution wreath-laying ceremony at Cowpens National Battlefield will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, and the ceremony at the Daniel Morgan Statue in downtown Spartanburg will take place at 2:00 p.m. Superintendent John Slaughter encourages everyone in the Upstate to help celebrate the anniversary of this pivotal battle, "This is YOUR National Park! What happened here on this simple pasture-land gave all Carolinians, all Americans great confidence to take the fight all the way to victory. Our nation's freedom was secured right here in YOUR backyard." The public is invited to both of these events.

Visitors should remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Please note that there will NOT be food available for purchase in the park. A detailed event schedule will be available on the park's webpage in early January at <http://www.nps.gov/cowp/planyourvisit/events.htm>, and information on Morgan's March is available at <http://www.palmettoconservation.org/>.

Cowpens National Battlefield is part of the National Park Service and has a Visitor Center, movie, bookstore, and a one-mile trail on the battlefield. There is also a picnic area, nature trail and three mile auto tour loop. Visitor Center hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily, closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information, call (864) 461-2828 or visit the park's webpage at www.nps.gov/cowp.

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